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In re Application of Hans Winter et al

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c), filed April 26, 2005, which is being treated under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for express abandonment. <u>See</u> 7 CFR 1.313(c)(3). The above-identified application is expressly abandoned in favor of a continuing application No. 11/079,732.

Petitioner is advised that difference matters are handled by different branches of the Office, each distinct subject, inquiry or order must be contained in a separate paper to avoid confusion and delay in answering papers dealing with different subjects. *Note* 37 CFR 1.4(c).

The application is hereby withdrawn from issue, and the abandonment is hereby recognized.

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This matter is being referred to Files Repository.

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